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## **OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF LYME**

### **Moderator**

RALPH W. BALCH

### **Supervisors of the Check List**

HAROLD C. WEBB

HARRY A. ELLIOTT

ARTHUR B. CHESLEY

### **Town Clerk**

PEARL M. DIMICK

### **Selectmen**

CHARLES S. DEMAREST—Term expires 1954

KENNETH E. ELDER—Term expires 1955

CHESTER A. HOBBS—Term expires 1956

### **Treasurer**

PEARL M. DIMICK

### **Overseer of the Poor**

KENNETH E. ELDER

### **Tax Collector**

CHARLES E. TUPPER

### **Highway Agent**

CHESTER D. PIKE

### **Trustees of the Trust Funds**

EVERETT B. RICH—Term expires in 1954

HENRY S. PUSHEE—Term expires in 1955

CHESTER A. HOBBS—Term expires in 1956

### **Library Trustees**

PAULINE WHITTEMORE—Term expires in 1954  
JULIA MAYO—Term expires in 1954  
FLORENCE SESSLER—Term expires in 1954  
LUCY KING—Term expires in 1955  
ELMER FULTON—Term expires in 1955  
GUY E. NICHOLS—Term expires in 1955  
MARTHA E. LAMPHERE—Term expires in 1956  
DORCAS CHAFFEE—Term expires in 1956  
RALPH W. BALCH—Term expires in 1956

### **Budget Committee**

MILLARD ULINE—Term expires in 1954  
ALLEN L. COLE—Term expires in 1954  
RALPH W. BALCH—Term expires in 1954  
EARL C. PERKINS—Term expires in 1955  
EVERETT B. RICH—Term expires in 1955  
ROBERT G. CHAFFEE—Term expires in 1955  
RALPH A. LAMPHERE—Term expires in 1956  
CHARLES E. DIXON—Term expires in 1956  
RAYMOND H. BALCH—Term expires in 1956

### **Police Officers**

HERBERT I. PERKINS                      HARRY P. FRANKLIN

### **Chief of Fire Department**

HARRY P. FRANKLIN

### **Auditors**

HARRIS C. PUSHEE                      GRANT P. BALCH

### **School Board**

GRANT P. BALCH—Term expires in 1954  
ARTHUR E. DERBY—Term expires in 1955  
ROBERT G. CHAFFEE—Term expires in 1956



## TOWN WARRANT

### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lyme in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Church Hall in said Lyme on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see what action the Town will take upon the budget submitted by the Budget Committee.
3. To see what compensation the Town will allow its officers and what price will be paid for work on the highways for the ensuing year.
4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount on all taxes paid before November 1, 1954 at the same rate as the Town pays for money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.
5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes the ensuing year.
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow on short term notes the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be expended with the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase during 1954 of a new fire engine.

7. To see if the Town will discontinue that part of the former State Highway Route 10 now running north from the Roswell Mativia residence to junction with the newly constructed State Highway.
8. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

CHARLES S. DEMAREST

KENNETH E. ELDER

CHESTER A. HOBBS

Selectmen of Lyme

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES S. DEMAREST

KENNETH E. ELDER

CHESTER A. HOBBS

Selectmen of Lyme



## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LYME

**Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Ensuing  
Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954**

**Compared with**

**Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and  
Expenditures of the Previous Year**

**January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953**

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,676.24	\$ 2,600.00
Railroad Tax	1,170.00	1,150.61	1,150.00
Savings Bank Tax	30.00	30.46	30.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber		2,389.94	1,500.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		3,770.04	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		56.15	
Class V Highway Maintenance		1,778.38	1,778.38
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses	440.00	440.27	440.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	100.00		
Income of Departments:			
Highway, rental of equipment	250.00	93.00	100.00
Fire Department		141.00	
Refund on Head Tax		1.00	
Gift		3.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,400.00	4,396.95	4,500.00
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>			
Poll Taxes — Regular at \$2.00	725.00	782.00	750.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00	3.00	3.00
Poll Taxes previous years		86.00	
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TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 8,125.00	\$17,798.04	\$12,851.38
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes—exclusive of County and School Taxes			17,941.36
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TOTAL REVENUES			\$30,792.49

## Expenditures

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 1,873.00	\$ 2,400.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00	410.40	500.00
Election & Registration Expenses	55.00	55.00	150.00
Expense Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	30.00	15.00	130.00
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</b>			
Police Department	125.00	167.78	175.00
Fire Department	1,000.00	1,247.00	1,000.00
Blister Rust & Care of Trees	400.00	400.00	400.00
Insurance	100.00	99.32	150.00
Forest Fires	41.80	4,184.78	75.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Health Dept. including Hospitals	200.00	200.00	200.00
Town Dump	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance—Summer	6,500.00	6,969.03	7,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,500.00	5,046.34	5,000.00
Street Lighting	585.00	585.00	585.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	200.00		
Town Road Aid	816.00	816.81	830.74
<b>Libraries:</b>	950.00	950.00	1,275.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	500.00	364.76	500.00
Old Age Assistance	3,100.00	3,502.94	3,600.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
Memorial Day	100.00	137.75	100.00
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Park & Playgrounds, Incl. Band Concerts	275.00	296.00	325.00

	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	150.00	79.02	150.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Town Reports	350.00	373.50	375.00
Dog and other Damage		36.66	
Advertising and Regional Asso.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Employees' Social Security	150.00	195.54	250.00
<b>Interest:</b>			
On Temporary Loans	105.00	245.01	117.00
On Long Term Bonds	131.25	122.50	105.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Culverts	800.00	458.29	500.00
Bridge Repairs	500.00	1,182.69	
Piper			200.00
Grant			500.00
Hewes			1,000.00
<b>Payment on Principal of Debt:</b>			
Bonds	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Payment of Capital Reserve Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Deficit of previous year	4,078.37	4,078.37	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$30,513.13</b>	<b>\$37,292.49</b>	<b>\$30,792.74</b>

MILLARD ULINE  
 ALLEN L. COLE  
 RALPH W. BALCH  
 EARL C. PERKINS  
 EVERETT B. RICH  
 ROBERT G. CHAFFEE  
 RALPH A. LAMPHERE  
 RAYMOND H. BALCH  
                     Budget Committee  
 KENNETH E. ELDER  
                     Selectman  
 GRANT P. BALCH  
                     School Board



# INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF LYME

APRIL 1, 1953

Land and Buildings		\$1,138,224
Electric Plants, Land, Etc.		75,799
Horses, Asses and Mules	117	5,550
Cows	614	52,570
Neat Stock	126	8,220
Sheep and Goats	53	530
Hogs	8	125
Fowls	3368	3,595
Boats and Launches	30	900
Road Machinery and Portable Mills	7	14,310
Wood and Lumber		23,850
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		1,455
Stock in Trade		29,551
Mills and Machinery		1,700
Total Valuation before Exemptions		<hr/> \$1,356,379
Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to Veterans		55,980
Net Valuation, Exclusive of Exemptions		\$1,300,399
Number of Veterans who Received Property Exemption		59
Number of Veterans Exempted from Poll Tax		68
Average Rate of Taxation per one hundred dollars		\$4.70

## BALANCE SHEET

Cash on hand		\$20,033.12
Capital Reserve Fund		
For Fire Engine (Principal & Interest)		2,227.89
Accounts due to Town:		
From the State:		
Bounties	\$ 131.00	
Forest Fires	4.50	
Yield Tax	2,233.49	
		<hr/> 2,368.99
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1953	2,155.72	
Levy of 1952	1,236.19	
Levy of 1951	625.80	
Previous Years	1,093.36	
		<hr/> 5,111.07
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1953	144.43	
Levy of 1952	389.60	
State Head Tax—Levy of 1953	330.00	
State Head Tax—Previous Years	123.50	
		<hr/> 987.53
Total Assets		<hr/> \$30,728.60
Excess of Liabilities over Assets		942.39
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Grand Total		\$31,670.99
Net Debt December 31, 1952	\$8,633.32	
Net Debt December 31, 1953	942.39	
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Decrease of Net Debt	\$7,690.93	

### Liabilities

Due the State: State Head Tax	330.00
Reserve Account—Future Yield Tax Loss	278.88
Due to School Districts	22,834.22
Capital Reserve Funds	2,227.89
Long Term Bonds Outstanding	6,000.00
	<hr/>
Total Liabilities	\$31,670.99

**STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT SHOWING  
ANNUAL MATURITIES OF PRINCIPAL  
AND INTEREST**

**Refunding Bonds—1941**

**Interest Rate—1  $\frac{3}{4}$  %**

Amount of Original Issue	\$34,000.00
Date of Issue	July 1, 1941
Principal Maturity Date	July 1
Interest Payable Dates	January 1 and July 1
Annual Maturities	1942 to 1945—\$3,000.00
	1946 to 1956— 2,000.00

Payable at Dartmouth National Bank, Hanover, N. H.

<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Amt. of Bonds</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
January 1, 1954		\$ 52.50	\$ 52.50
July 1, 1954	\$2,000.00	52.50	2,052.50
January 1, 1955		35.00	35.00
July 1, 1955	2,000.00	35.00	2,035.00
January 1, 1956		17.50	17.50
July 1, 1956	2,000.00	17.50	2,017.50
Total Payable at Maturity	\$6,000.00	\$210.00	\$6,210.00



## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### Received for Automobile Permits:

26—1952 Permits	\$ 62.79	
600—1953 Permits	3,809.02	
10—1954 Permits	84.87	
	<hr/>	\$3,956.68

### Received from Dog Licenses:

184—Dogs	\$ 420.67	
3 Kennels (40 dogs)	57.00	
	<hr/>	
	\$ 477.67	
Less fees of the Clerk	37.40	
	<hr/>	440.27
		<hr/>
Total Receipts		\$4,396.95
Total Payments to the Treasurer		\$4,396.95

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

— 1953 Levy —

### Dr.

Original property warrant	\$61,118.75
Added property tax	14.10
Poll Tax Warrant (Corrected)	802.00
National Bank Stock	13.00
Yield	1,100.84
Added Polls	18.00
Interest Collected	110.42
	<hr/>
	\$65,177.11

### Cr.

Property taxes collected	\$60,717.85
Poll taxes collected	682.00
Nat. Bank Stock	13.00
Yield taxes collected	867.35
Discount allowed on property tax	230.52
1953 Abatements—Prop. & Poll	178.05
Interest Collected	110.42
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Uncollected:	
Property	36.43
Polls	108.00
Yield	2,233.49
	<hr/>
	\$65,177.11

**STATE HEAD TAX**  
**1953 Levy**

	<b>Dr.</b>	
Original Warrant		\$2,405.00
Added Taxes		35.00
		<hr/> 2,440.00
Penalties Collected		7.00
		<hr/> \$2,447.00
	<b>Cr.</b>	
Remitted to Treasurer		\$2,050.00
Uncollected		330.00
Abatements		60.00
Penalties Collected		7.00
		<hr/> \$2,447.00
Credits		
<b>Previous Years</b>		
Collected:		
1952 Head		\$ 230.00
Penalties		23.00
1951 Head		10.00
Penalties		1.00
Yield		1,654.60
Polls		86.00
Property		37.62
Interest		4.46
		<hr/> \$2,046.68

**Tax Sales Redeemed in 1953**

1952 Sales	\$ 875.92	Interest	\$ 21.69
1951 Sales	519.83	Interest	122.68
1950 Sales	203.54	Interest	21.23
1949 Sales	276.32	Interest	45.92
1948 Sales	35.11	Interest	14.65
	<hr/>		<hr/>
Total	\$1,910.72		\$226.17
Total Remitted to Treasurer 1953			\$68,630.19

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TUPPER

Collector



## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Cash on hand December 31, 1952	\$ 8,485.80
Total Receipts	96,111.14
Grand Total	<u>\$104,596.94</u>
Total Payments	84,563.82
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	<u>\$ 20,033.12</u>

### Statement of Receipts

From Local Taxes	\$68,630.19	
Refund from State on Head Tax	1.00	
		<u>\$68,631.19</u>
From State:		
Interest & Dividend Tax	2,676.24	
Railroad Tax	1,150.61	
Savings Bank Tax	30.46	
Bounties for 1952	28.00	
		<u>3,885.31</u>
From Local Sources except Taxes:		
Town Clerk	4,396.95	
Employee's Social Security tax withheld		
1952	118.80	
1953	78.89	
		<u>197.69</u>
Dartmouth National Bank, short term notes	19,000.00	
		<u>23,594.64</u>
Total Receipts		<u>\$96,111.14</u>

## Payments

### Town Officers' Salaries:

Harris C. Pushee, Auditor	\$ 35.00
Grant P. Balch, Auditor	35.00
Charles E. Tupper, Tax Collector	705.80
Charles S. Demarest, Selectman	140.33
Kenneth E. Elder, Selectman	270.87
Chester A. Hobbs, Selectman	128.46
Pearl M. Dimick, Clerk and Treasurer	497.54

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\$ 1,873.00

### Town Officers' Expenses & Supplies:

Ralph W. Balch, Officer's bonds	85.50
F. J. Shores, recordings	17.82
Anna Proctor, transfers	.20
Rich Brothers, Supplies	37.78
Association Dues	8.00
Wheeler & Clark, Supplies	19.99
Telephone Service	61.18
E. C. Eastman, Supplies	9.13
Brown and Saltmarsh	38.10
Sargent Brothers, Supplies	11.00
Branham Publishing Co., reference book	3.00
Kenneth E. Elder, expense	36.74
Charles E. Tupper, expense	63.27
Chester A. Hobbs	18.69

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410.40

### Election & Registration Expense:

Charles R. Jackman, Ballot Clerk	15.00
Arthur Chesley, Supervisor of Check List	32.50
Harold C. Webb, Supervisor of Check List	7.50

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55.00

### Expenses of Town Buildings:

Lyme Cong. Church, rent of hall	15.00
Ralph W. Balch, Insurance	99.32

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114.32

**Police Department:**

Harry P. Franklin, Services	76.50
Harry P. Franklin, expense	43.20
Herbert I. Perkins, services	38.00
Herbert I. Perkins, expense	16.08

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167.78

**Fire Department:**

Treasurer of Fire Department	1,100.00
Town of Hanover, use of equipment	147.00

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1,247.00

Less: Reimbursement by

Town of Thetford, use of fire engine	74.00
Town of Hanover, use of fire engine	67.00

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141.00

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1,106.00

**Forest Fires:**

Frank H. Bailey, Warden	100.20
Willis B. Claflin, Deputy Warden	1.60
Buker Airways, spotting fire	17.25
Lily Pond Fire	241.80
Leslie Drew Fire	87.50
Grantham Fire	3,736.43

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4,184.78

Reimbursement from State	3,770.04
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414.74

**Bounties:**

Charles S. Demarest	2.50
Kenneth E. Elder	35.00
Chester A. Hobbs	93.50

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131.00



**Health Department:**

Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital	200.00	
Selby Barrett, town dump	100.00	
	<hr/>	300.00

**Town Road Aid** 816.81

**Town Road Maintenance:**

See Report of Highway Agent	12,015.37	
Reimbursed by:		
Dartmouth Outing Club,		
plowing snow	60.00	
Town of Dorchester,		
plowing snow	30.00	
Sale of Tractor Battery	3.00	
Class 5 Highway		
Maintenance	1,778.38	
	<hr/>	1,871.38
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		10,143.99

**Highways & Bridges:**

Howard DeGoosh, towing service	2.00	
Perley Ward, damage to car	11.66	
Mrs. Mary Pushee, rent of water box	3.00	
Shapiro Building Supplies	752.21	
H. J. Sevigny, bridge planks	117.90	
Chester D. Pike	112.42	
Chester D. Pike	200.16	
	<hr/>	1,199.35

**Street Lights** 585.00

**Culverts** 458.29

**Library** 950.00

<b>Old Age Assistance</b>	3,502.94	
Reimbursement	56.15	
	<hr/>	3,446.79

**Town Poor:**

Conn. Valley Electric Corp.	25.60
Hitchcock Clinic	45.00
Grafton County Farm	73.44
Grafton County Commissioners	42.80
D. M. Pond & Son	19.12
Chester A. Hobbs	1.90
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	36.90
Support of Town Poor	120.00

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364.76**Patriotic Purposes:**

McLure's Student Band	70.00
Chapman's Pharmacy, flags	67.75

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137.75**Parks & Playgrounds:**

David Fowler, labor	147.73
William Lailer, labor	16.87
Nichols Hardware, rent of lawn mower	12.00
Merlyn I. Hanchett, repairs on mower	4.40
Clifford Sanborn, sharpening mower	15.00
McLure's Student Band, concert	100.00

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296.00**Cemeteries:**

D. M. Pond & Son, supplies	9.33
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	7.17
David Fowler, labor	43.57
William Lailer, labor	11.57
Nichols Hardware, rent of lawn mower	5.70
M. I. Hanchett, repairs on mower	1.68

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79.02

Less Gift

3.00

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76.02**Advertising Expense:**

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Regional Asso.	100.00
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**Indebtedness:**

2—\$1,000.00 Long Term Bonds	2,000.00	
Dartmouth National Bank, short term notes	19,000.00	
	<hr/>	21,000.00

**Interest:**

On Bonded Debt	122.50	
On Temporary Loans	245.01	
	<hr/>	367.51

**Unclassified:**

State of N. H., refund on Yield Tax	433.04	
County Tax	2,482.31	
Capital Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
Town Reports	373.50	
White Pine Blister Rust	400.00	
Social Security	195.54	
State Head Taxes	1,217.78	
Taxes bought by the Town	2,155.72	
Treasurer of School District	31,767.87	
Damage done by Dogs	20.00	
Bank service charge	3.55	
	<hr/>	40,049.31
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<hr/> \$84,563.82

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

### Summer Maintenance

Chester D. Pike	\$ 648.17
Chester D. Pike, truck	761.80
Charles C. Pike	1,388.35
Walter J. Piper	1,479.35
Lawrence Hart	811.26
Lewis Simmons	454.50
Ray Road Equipment	84.39
Gerald Hewes	40.50
Charles Clark	21.00
George Ludwig	18.60
Perley Ward	24.00
Howard DeGoosh	72.60
Miller Auto, repairing tractor	549.61
Miller Auto Co.	70.26
Conn. Valley Electric Co.	16.00
William Thompson	91.80
Selby Barrett	7.00
Hathorns Inc.	1.65
Thetford Garage	25.00
Chester Hobbs	19.20
Roswell Mativia	93.60
Carl Moulton	103.00
Fred J. Bryant	5.40
Guy Nichols	78.16
Roy C. Abbott	739.63
Trumbull-Nelson	49.50
Leo Jenks	200.16
Eli Shapiro	121.92
Millard Uline	15.75
Sears Roebuck, fence posts	147.00
Gulf Oil Inc.	51.77
Bank Charge	15.55

### Winter Maintenance

Chester D. Pike	\$ 280.69
Chester D. Pike, truck	574.00
Charles C. Pike	616.95
Walter J. Piper	760.20
Lawrence Hart	425.03



International Salt	123.60
Ray Road Equipment	83.33
Lyme Garage	12.67
Thetford Garage	179.78
Gulf Oil Corp.	148.85
Noble Belisle	239.98
Miller Auto Co.	195.23
Nichols Hardware	10.72
Socony Oil Co.	14.00
Lights	8.00
Hathorns Inc.	14.47
Roy C. Abbott	125.25
Roy W. Abbott	36.00
Roger Jenks	33.15
Clayton Hadlock Jr.	26.40
Dean Lamott	10.03
Wendell Dennis, sand	50.00
Rollin S. Whitney, post	15.00
Charles Wilcox, gravel	4.00
Albert Paul, gravel	2.40

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### ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

We had a lot of bridge work to do. We put steel stringers on bridge by Bob Young's. Six stringers for this bridge 12 in. by 30 ft. cost  $9\frac{1}{2}$  cents a lb. or \$543.78. For the bridge by George Tattersal's we already had 3 stringers so only had to buy 3 12 in. by 23 ft.  $9\frac{1}{2}$  cents a lb., cost \$208.43.

Had to get steel stringers to repair bridge by Walter Stevens' place, cost \$112.42. We double planked several bridges in the track which seemed to work quite well, keeps them from rattling and makes them stronger.

We need more culvert pipe this coming year, didn't get so much last year, used part of culvert money to buy stringers. Little over \$2500.00 of the regular road maintenance money was spent for repairs and supplies.

CHESTER D. PIKE,

Road Agent

## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

### Care of Tramps and Town Charges

Paid To	Town	Amount
D. M. Pond & Son	Lyme, N. H.	\$ 19.12
Conn. Valley Electric	Bradford, Vt.	25.60
Blue Shield & Cross	Concord, N. H.	36.90
Grafton County Comm.	Woodsville, N. H.	42.80
M. H. M. Hospital	Hanover, N. H.	45.00
Town Aid	Lyme, N. H.	120.00
Grafton County Farm	Woodsville, N. H.	73.44
Chester A. Hobbs, expense	Lyme, N. H.	1.90
TOTAL		<hr/> \$364.76

KENNETH E. ELDER

Overseer

# Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Lyme on December 31, 1953

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Balance Beginning of Year	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance end of Year	INCOME			Balance end of Year
					Beginning Year	Income % (.04804)	Expense	
1903	Betsey Tinkham	\$ 101.92	\$ 1.05	102.97	2.96	4.90	4.91	2.95
1905	Nancy Dimick	25.48	.26	25.74	.73	1.22	1.23	.72
1907	Mary Warren	50.96	.53	51.49	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1908	Clarinda & Alfred Davis	76.44	.79	77.23	2.24	3.66	3.68	2.22
1913	Thomas W. Baker	92.41	.95	93.36	2.74	4.44	4.45	2.73
1913	Walter G. Piper	101.92	1.05	102.97	12.75	4.90	4.92	12.73
1915	Freeman P. Holt	50.96	.53	51.49	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1915	Isaac Holt	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1915	John Holt	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1915	George Swan	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1915	Dr. Cyrus & Dea. Irenus Hamilton	203.84	2.10	205.94	20.18	9.79	9.83	20.14
1915	Samuel F. Ball	203.84	2.10	205.94	16.17	9.79	9.83	16.13
1916	Edson Blaisdell	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1917	Leroy Emery	101.92	1.05	102.97	11.97	4.90	4.92	11.95
1917	Benj. Washburn	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.96	4.90	4.91	2.95
1918	Harris Allen	25.48	.26	25.74	.75	1.22	1.23	.74
1918	Lyme School Note	2,842.33	29.25	2,871.58	—	136.55	136.55	—
1918	William H. Dimick	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1918	Capt. David Turner	127.40	1.31	128.71	10.13	6.12	6.14	10.11
1918	David Turner	127.40	1.31	128.71	10.13	6.12	6.14	10.11
1919	A. C. & C. G. Walker	203.84	2.10	205.94	5.94	9.79	9.83	5.90
1919	Thomas L. Gilbert	203.84	2.10	205.94	36.79	9.79	9.83	36.75
1920	C. M. Dustin	101.92	1.05	102.97	19.46	4.90	4.92	19.44
1920	Wesley Goodell	76.45	.78	77.23	2.23	3.66	3.68	2.21
1920	Caleb Ward	76.45	.78	77.23	6.98	3.66	3.68	6.96
1921	Nathan Shattuck	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1921	Mrs. Mary & Arthur Everett	101.92	1.05	102.97	12.72	4.90	4.92	12.70
1921	T. M. Franklin	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1922	William B. Piper	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Balance Beginning of Year	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance end of Year	Balance Beginning Year %	Income (\$4804)	Expense	Balance end of Year
1922	Selah Beale & Wife & Ida Farwell & Son	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1923	Gilman Whittemore	25.48	.26	25.74	.74	1.22	1.23	.73
1923	William Kemp	101.92	1.05	102.97	14.60	4.90	4.92	14.58
1923	Henry & Frank Cutting	101.92	1.05	102.97	10.76	4.91	4.91	10.75
1923	Dwight Rich	76.45	.78	77.23	4.44	3.66	3.68	4.42
1924	Harrison Pressey	101.92	1.05	102.97	7.68	4.90	4.91	7.67
1924	Edd M. Cutting	101.92	1.05	102.97	17.54	4.90	4.92	17.52
1925	George P. Amsden	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1925	Freeman P. Sanborn	101.92	1.05	102.97	13.43	4.90	4.91	13.42
1925	Samuel Webster	101.92	1.05	102.97	11.97	4.90	4.91	11.96
1925	D. B. & A. D. Dimick	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.97	4.90	4.91	2.96
1925	O. W. Dimick & P. E. Fairfield	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.98	4.90	4.91	2.97
1925	Carroll Dana Dimick	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.97	4.90	4.91	2.96
1925	Rev. Jared Tozier	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1925	Leander Warren	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1926	Lewis Warren	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1926	Stephen Willigar	101.92	1.05	102.97	11.46	4.90	4.92	11.44
1926	Joel Hemingway	101.92	1.05	102.97	5.73	4.90	4.92	5.71
1926	Fred Palmer	101.92	1.05	102.97	9.42	4.90	4.92	9.40
1926	Sarah Conant	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1926	Henry Pratt	101.92	1.05	102.97	11.62	4.90	4.92	11.60
1926	Alfred, Georgianna & Mrs. Frederick Dodge	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.98	4.90	4.91	2.97
1926	Theodore Wise	101.92	1.05	102.97	15.03	4.90	4.92	15.01
1927	Asa Warren & Wife	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1927	Erastur Grant	152.89	1.57	154.46	13.40	7.34	7.36	13.38
1928	Harry O. Franklin	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1928	John Clark	101.92	1.05	102.97	7.85	4.90	4.92	7.83
1929	Warren W. Parker	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1929	Sidney A. Converse	203.85	2.10	205.95	21.43	9.79	9.83	21.39
1930	Georgianna Wilson Johnson & Henry Wilson	50.97	.53	51.50	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1930	George Flint & W. W. Balch	101.92	1.05	102.97	9.06	4.90	4.92	9.04
1932	James Cook	76.45	.78	77.23	5.75	3.67	3.68	5.74
1932	Wesley Flint	76.45	.78	77.23	6.77	3.67	3.68	6.76



1933	Charles E. & Oliver Hewes	203.85	2.10	205.95	28.71	9.79	9.83	28.67
1934	Frank Frost & Lewis Mativia	152.89	1.57	154.46	7.85	7.34	7.37	7.82
1934	John Hall	203.85	2.10	205.95	30.35	9.79	9.83	30.31
1936	Reuben Waite & Sarah Converse	101.92	1.05	102.97	7.06	4.90	4.92	7.04
1938	Arad J. Warren	50.97	.52	51.49	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1938	Charles D. Sanborn	101.92	1.05	102.97	6.27	4.90	4.91	6.26
1938	Carroll S. Wells	101.92	1.05	102.97	5.96	4.90	4.91	5.95
1939	Isaac & Wesley Clark	152.89	1.57	154.46	7.12	7.34	7.37	7.09
1939	Augustus Storrs	152.89	1.57	154.46	10.48	7.34	7.37	10.45
1939	Irenus Pingree	101.92	1.05	102.97	5.96	4.90	4.91	5.95
1939	Frank Baker & Sylvanus Hewes	50.97	.52	51.49	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1939	Fred Randlett	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.97	4.90	4.91	2.96
1940	Elmer F. Morrill	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.96	4.90	4.91	2.95
1940	Will Gilbert	101.92	1.05	102.97	5.67	4.90	4.91	5.66
1940	David Churchill & David Churchill, Jr.	203.85	2.10	205.95	11.90	9.79	9.83	11.86
1941	Cina Melvin	25.48	.26	25.74	.73	1.22	1.23	.72
1943	I. N. & Sumner Perkins	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.96	4.90	4.91	2.95
1943	Zadok Gilbert	76.45	.78	77.23	2.33	3.66	3.68	2.31
1945	Solomon Bixby	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.97	4.90	4.91	2.96
1945	Frank C. Stetson	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.96	4.90	4.91	2.95
1945	John Cook	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.96	4.90	4.91	2.95
1945	Albert Hobart	50.97	.52	51.49	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1945	George Runnals	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.96	4.90	4.91	2.95
1946	Thomas Lambert	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.96	4.90	4.91	2.95
1946	N. W. Hewes	50.97	.52	51.49	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1946	John, Ina, Della & Ernest Hewes	50.97	.52	51.49	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1946	Milton & Nina Wing	203.84	2.10	205.94	7.93	9.79	9.83	7.89
1947	Elum Gilbert	203.84	2.10	205.94	7.93	9.79	9.83	7.89
1947	Fred Noyes	203.84	2.10	205.94	7.93	9.79	9.83	7.89
1947	John F. Elliott	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.97	4.90	4.91	2.96
1948	George A. Pushee	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.97	4.90	4.91	2.96
1948	Emma W. Aldrich	50.97	.52	51.49	1.48	2.45	2.46	1.47
1949	West & Julia F. Balch	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.98	4.90	4.91	2.97
1949	Extra B. Alden	152.89	1.57	154.46	4.71	7.34	7.37	4.68
1950	George A. Marshall, Sarah J. & Micalah Marshall & Edson Blaisdell	611.53	6.29	617.82	17.81	29.38	29.48	17.71

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Balance Beginning of Year	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance end of Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income % (.04804)	Expense	Balance end of Year
1950	Levi O. White	203.84	2.10	205.94	5.93	9.79	9.83	5.89
1950	Melvin & Wells	101.92	1.05	102.97	2.96	4.90	4.91	2.95
1951	Earl Andrews	203.84	2.10	205.94	.38	9.79	9.83	.34
1951	James Dixon	101.92	1.05	102.97	.19	4.90	4.91	.18
1953	Carrol S. Wells			100.00				
1953	Melvin Dewitt			100.00				
1953	Hiram Mayo			200.00				
		<u>\$13,356.46</u>	<u>\$137.54</u>	<u>\$13,894.00</u>	<u>\$645.67</u>	<u>\$641.70</u>	<u>\$643.48</u>	<u>\$643.89</u>
		1,000.00		1,000.00	193.36	34.53	—	227.89
		<u>\$14,356.46</u>	<u>\$137.54</u>	<u>\$14,894.00</u>	<u>\$839.03</u>	<u>\$676.23</u>	<u>\$643.48</u>	<u>\$871.78</u>

## TRUST FUNDS 1953

Balance Beginning of year		\$13,356.46
New Funds Created	\$ 400.00	
Capital Gain		
Eaton & Howard—3 Shares @ 31.29	\$ 93.87	
Eaton & Howard — Cash	26.13	
Fidelity Fund	17.54	
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	137.54	
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		537.54
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		\$13,894.00
Dec. 31, 1953—Principal	Cost	
408 Shares—Fidelity Fund		6,720.00
200 Shares—Eaton & Howard	6,232.00	
3 Shares—Eaton & Howard	93.87	
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		6,325.87
Dartmouth Savings Bank		848.13
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		\$13,894.00

## Income Account

	Income 1953	Expense	
Balance Beginning of year			645.67
Eaton & Howard Fund	246.00		
Fidelity Fund	367.20		
Dartmouth Savings Bank	28.50		
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			641.70
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			\$ 1,287.37
David Fowler, labor		382.73	
William Lailor, labor		84.38	
Guy Nichols, mower		31.50	
Social Security, David Fowler		5.27	
Bank Service Charge		3.05	
Lyme School District		136.55	
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			643.48
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Balance December 31, 1953			\$ 643.89

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Amount Paid to Firemen :

James Balch	\$ 7.00
Raymond Balch	11.00
Donald Bean	6.00
George Bryant	6.00
Sterle Bryant	6.00
Willis Claflin	6.00
Harry Franklin	47.00
John Fields	9.00
Walter George	4.00
William Horton	19.00
Alan Jenks	31.00
Elbridge Jenks	3.00
Leo Jenks	15.50
Merton Jenks	4.00
Dean LaMott	16.00
Vinal Maguire	44.50
Albert Paul	6.00
Charles Pike	25.00
Roger Pushee	21.00
Wallace Ragan	28.00
Thomas Randall	7.00
Harry Sanborn	42.00
Harry Sprague	9.00
Gerald Strout	25.00
Charles Thompson	14.00
Charles Tupper	27.00
Ellsworth Tupper	6.00
Ray Uline	35.00
Kenneth Uline	24.00
Emerson Woodward	37.50
Irvin Wilmot	3.00
Morris Wilmot	4.00
TOTAL	<hr/> \$548.50



**Supplies for year 1953:**

Nichols Hardware, merchandise	\$13.48	
Ray Uline, C. B. Fire etc.	6.00	
Gould's Oil Service	78.08	
Connecticut Valley Electric Corp.	28.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	134.26	
Merlyn Hanchett, gas and oil	24.85	
Maxim Motor Corp., chimney fuses	15.03	
American LaFrance Corp., bombs	28.34	
Rich Brothers, merchandise	2.70	
A. B. Gile, accident insurance	50.00	
D. M. Pond & Son, merchandise	6.08	
Eaton's Garage, gas	1.80	
Thetford Garage, wire	2.40	
A. Lee Cowles, soda acid recharge	9.70	
Harry Sanborn, cards and stamps	6.66	
Ralph Balch, insurance	85.75	
Stamps and envelopes	3.44	
Dartmouth National Bank, service charge	13.30	
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TOTAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		\$509.87

**Out of Town Service Total:**

Town of Thetford, Vermont	\$ 74.00
Town of Norwich, Vermont	171.50
Town of Hanover, N. H.	67.00
TOTAL	<hr/> \$312.50

TOTAL COST FOR THE YEAR 1953	<hr/> \$1,058.37
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Number of Calls for the year 1953	18
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11 Chimney Fires  
3 Out of Town  
1 Out of Town (false alarm)  
1 Grass Fire  
Leo Jenks' Sawmill  
Edward Olsen's barn

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

### Library

Land and Building	\$15,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	4,500.00

### Police Department

Land and Building	200.00
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### Fire Department

Land and Building	2,000.00
Equipment	5,000.00

### Highway Department

Land and Building	500.00
Equipment	8,000.00

### Schools

Land and Buildings	18,500.00
Equipment	3,000.00

### Herbert H. and Geo. W. Barnes

Free Bed Fund	10,000.00
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### Miscellaneous

American Legion Building	800.00
Commons	3,000.00

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF LYME TOWN LIBRARY

One of the paramount aims of any library is to increase interest in books and to make them more available. Measured by that standard the Lyme Town Library has made great advances during the year 1953.

The establishment of two branch libraries at Lyme Center and in the Chesley district has greatly increased the total library circulation and made the services and facilities of the library easily available to more members of the community than ever before in the Library's history. The Lyme Center branch, located in the home of Miss Gladys Gaylord, was organized last January by Miss Beatrice Buse, who served as its volunteer librarian during the year. The Chesley branch is supplied with books at regular intervals by Mrs. Charles Pike, who also assists Miss Buse in her librarian duties. Mrs. Pike and Mrs. Guy Brockway are the local members of the P.T.A. library committee. Mrs. Augusta Downs takes charge of the distribution of the books at the Chesley School.

A similar program of cooperation between the Library, the School and the P.T.A. has existed for several years at Lyme Plain, making it possible for every pupil in the school to visit the Library once a week during school hours. The first four grades attend the Library on Wednesday afternoon when the regular librarian, Mrs. Ralph Miles is at the desk. During a special period on Thursday afternoon, arranged for the convenience of the four upper grades, Mrs. Albert Wood and Mrs. Jack Schriever have served as volunteer P.T.A. librarians during 1953.

The increase in library facilities resulting from the expansion of library services is far larger than was anticipated by the Trustees. A total of 2000 book circulations, 1700 by the Lyme Center branch and 300 by the Chesley branch, which was in operation only three months in 1953, increased the total Lyme Library circulation nearly 25%, and reveals very vividly the extent of the need for just such a town wide service. The number of children in Lyme, who are using the facilities of the library, is the greatest in history. This is due, no doubt, to

the fact that every child in the elementary schools has an opportunity to secure a book from some branch of the Library every week, either during school hours or directly thereafter.

In this program of expansion, the State Library has cooperated by making additional books available through its Bookmobile service. In addition, a grant of State Aid funds in the amount of \$300 was awarded to the Library in November, to further implement the program. These funds will be used by the Book Committee to purchase additional books with the assistance of State library personnel.

Gifts of memorial funds and books to the Library during the last year have contributed greatly to its increased service to the community. Beautiful and worthwhile books on many subjects have been purchased with the Arthur Chesley, Maurice Hobbs, Stanley Weeden, Emmerette Pushee and Emma Aldrich Memorial Funds. An open house was held by the Trustees on August 30th, during which many of these books were on display, in addition to the Louise Washburn and Ila Converse Memorial books and the records and player given by Nelson Gerry in memory of Sophie Gerry, which were previously received.

Other accomplishments in the Library, less obvious because of their more routine nature, deserve brief mention. These include the completion of the lavatory, financed by the Emma Aldrich Fund; the initiation of a special church reading program at Lyme Center, of which Mrs. Guy Brockway is chairman; continued cooperation with the Adventure in Reading Program at Lyme Plain, of which Miss Pauline Whittemore is chairman; improved newspaper publicity concerning new books and events, handled by Miss Dorothy Sears, publicity chairman; and work on several chores such as the inventory of books, clearing out of the downstairs room, lettering of non-fiction and mending. Special mention should be made of the complete up-dating of the card catalogue, a project which has taken two years and provides the librarians and the reading public with a very useful tool. This work was carried out under the supervision of Mrs. Charles Demarest, the catalogue librarian. Mrs. Demarest, as did



all the others who have worked on the aforementioned chores, served in a volunteer capacity.

On October 20th most of the Library Trustees attended the first state wide meeting of library trustees in Concord. Mrs. Marcel Sessler, chairman of the Lyme Library Trustees, presided over one of the four discussion groups which were part of the program. It was felt by all who attended that they gained great insight into the duties and privileges of a library trustee and the part that a local library can play in community life.

Although the record of the past year is one of growth and expansion of all the library facilities, the Trustees are keenly aware that there are many more avenues of development and many more needs to be filled. They would welcome suggestions at anytime concerning programs already underway or others which might be initiated. The Book Committee, composed of Mrs. Robert Chaffee Chairman, Miss Pauline Whittemore, Miss Beatrice Buse and Mrs. Alice Miles, librarian, would particularly welcome suggestions concerning types of books or particular titles which members of the community would like to have available in the library.

For the convenience of everyone, the Trustees include a statement of the hours of all the branches in town.

Lyme Plain—Wednesday, 1 P.M. - 5 P.M., 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.  
Saturday, 2 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Lyme Center—Monday and Friday, 3 P.M. - 4 P.M.

Chesley District — During school hours at the School.

A report on the problems and achievements of the Library would not be complete without a mention of finances and an explanation of the increase in the Library appropriation recommended by the Budget Committee for the coming year. This is largely a matter of bookkeeping. This year, as they do every third year, insurance premiums on the building and the contents in the amount of \$218 fall due. The largest part of this expense, the insurance on the building itself, has been paid, heretofore, by the Selectmen. Since it is clearly the responsibility of

the Library Trustees, it was thought wise to include it in their budget at this time. The remainder of the increase is accounted for by an item to cover the expense of painting and repairing the outside trim of the building, a normal maintenance expenditure which will not occur again for sometime.

Since it is impossible to mention individually those who by their interest, gifts and services, have been "friends of the library" during the past year, the Trustees wish to express their appreciation to all who have made it possible for the library to improve its service to the community, through their gifts of books, magazines, and memorial funds or their contributions of time as volunteer workers, regular, branch and school librarians.

Respectfully submitted,

The Trustees of Lyme Town Library

## AUDITORS' REPORT

**Lyme, N. H.**

**January 30, 1954**

This certifies that we have this day examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, also the accounts of the Highway Agent, the Selectmen, the Tax Collector, the Treasurer of the Trust Funds, the Treasurer of the Library, and the Treasurer of the Fire Department and find all correctly cast and each item supported by its proper voucher.

GRANT P. BALCH

HARRIS C. PUSHEE

Auditors

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### LYME TOWN LIBRARY

#### Financial Report

##### Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 53.48	
Town appropriation	950.00	
Interest on Dartmouth Savings		
Bank Funds	29.84	
Fines	22.00	
Individuals who purchased books		
through library	32.02	
Money received from Women's		
Assoc. for books purchased		
through library for Junior Choir	17.00	
Trading Post—purchase of		
discarded books	10.30	
		\$1,114.64

## Expenditures

Mrs. R. A. Miles, librarian	\$150.00	
Mary R. Dixon		
Assistant librarian		
Janitor service	64.35	
Jennifer Chaffee, janitor service	4.50	
Hattie Wise, assistant librarian	5.00	
Kendrick Putnam, care of grounds	21.45	
Gulf Oil Corporation	149.90	
Connecticut Valley Electric Co.	46.90	
Checking account service charge	8.55	
Magazines	48.75	
Books	481.71	
Lyme Aqueduct Co. — Aug. 1, 1952		
to Jan. 1, 1954	43.50	
Boisvert's Oil Burner Service	4.80	
American Library Association	6.00	
H. W. Wilson Co.	3.60	
Supplies		
Gaylord Brothers Co.	50.20	
Nichols Hardware	2.67	
Sterns	8.81	
Cory-Hewitt Press	3.50	
Library Service	7.50	
Julia Mayo	.60	
		\$1,112.29
Balance on hand January 1, 1954		2.35
		\$1,114.64
Funds in Dartmouth Savings Bank	\$1,078.81	

### Korean War Memorial Fund

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$88.50
Women's Relief Corps	5.00
Congregational Church	2.40

\$ 95.90

### Emma Aldrich Fund

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	6.26
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6.26

**Emmerette Pushee Fund**

Receipts	11.51	
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		11.51
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**Maurice Hobbs Memorial Fund**

Receipts	50.55	
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		50.55
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**Mr. and Mrs. Royal Weeden  
in memory of Stanley Weeden**

Receipts	2.00	
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		2.00
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Total Receipts		\$166.22
Books purchased through all Memorial Funds	166.22	

Total Expenditures		\$166.22
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MRS. RALPH A. LAMPHERE, Treasurer

**CIRCULATION OF BOOKS FOR 1953**  
**CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY**

	Adult			Juvenile		
	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Total	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Total
January	155	82	237	435	94	529
February	160	71	231	374	132	506
March	197	110	307	450	122	572
April	190	68	258	340	104	444
May	114	61	175	223	95	318
June	85	57	142	210	92	302
July	156	86	242	203	60	263
August	115	72	187	129	31	160
September	104	64	168	394	91	485
October	136	97	233	456	135	591
November	96	62	158	319	152	471
December	150	69	219	281	159	440
TOTAL	1658	799	2457	3814	1237	5051

Total Circulation	7508
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### Circulation of Books Lyme Center

	Adult			Juvenile		
	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Total	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Total
March	10	7	17	107	27	151
April	11	19	30	91	19	140
May	6	4	10	106	17	133
June	3	3	6	51	23	80
July	6	6	12	52	14	78
August	10	7	17	107	27	151
September	4	11	18	119	23	157
October	11	9	20	176	15	211
November	10	4	14	195	25	234
December	8	14	22	115	26	163
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>1498</b>

Total Circulation for 10 months 1498 books.

### 1953 Chesley School

	Adult			Juvenile		
	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Total	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Total
October	12	2	14	92		106
November	3	2	5	101	12	118
December	1		1	63	13	77
	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>301</b>

Circulation for 3 months 301 books.

Total circulation of books from Converse Free Library 9307 books.

ALICE MILES

## REPORT ON FOREST FIRES

Frank H. Bailey, Warden	\$ 49.00
Willis Claflin, Deputy Warden	10.10
Allen Jenks, labor	5.00
Harry Sanborn, Deputy Warden	13.00
Everett Rich, labor	10.00
Kenneth Elder, labor	23.40
Kenneth Dimick, labor	12.00
Jasper Day, labor	40.80
Roy Day, labor	37.40
James Balch, labor	18.00
Raymond Balch, Deputy Warden	23.20
John Balch, labor	6.00
Lee Cutting, labor	19.60
Lawrence Gray, labor	30.00
Dean LaMott, labor	7.00
Robert Barwood, labor	4.00
Harry Franklin, labor	3.00
Gerald Strout, labor	3.00
Charles Pike, labor	7.00
Emerson Woodard, labor	3.00
Charles Tompson, labor	3.00
Kenneth Uline, labor	3.00
Wallace Ragan, labor	3.00
Roger Pushee, labor	2.00
Millard Uline, labor	2.00
John Fields, labor	2.00
Dean Pushee, labor	2.00
George Buzzell, labor	2.00
Glen Buzzell, labor	2.00
Weymouth Pike, labor	2.00
William Movell, labor	6.00
Alfred Movell, labor	2.00
Grant Balch, labor	4.00
Hugh Bryan, labor	2.00
David Pushee, labor	2.00
Frank Pushee, labor	2.00
Stanley Pushee, labor	2.00
Harley Gray, labor	4.00
Ray Uline, labor	3.00
Airways	17.25
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	\$388.35
Number of Forest Fires	2
Number of Actual Forest Fires	2
Number of Permits issued	40

### **Forest Fire Tools and Equipment on Hand**

10 Knapsack Pumps	1 Portable Pump
6 Shovels	1700 Feet 1½ inch Hose
12 Fire Rakes	200 Feet ¾ inch Hose
6 Hazle Hoes	450 Feet 2½ inch Hose
6 Pulaski Tools	12 Wire Brooms
6 Axes	1 General Fire Truck
1 Cross cut Saw & Wedge	1 Grid Map
6 Lanterns	1 1000 Gal. Water Tank
10 Water Pails	1 OCD Pump Unit
3 Canteens	1 Flame Thrower
1 Burning out Torch	1 300 Gal. Booster Tank

### **Forest Fire Warden**

FRANK H. BAILEY

### **Deputy Forest Fire Wardens**

RAYMOND BALCH

HUGH BRYAN

WILLIS CLAFLIN

HARRY SANBORN

WILL DAY

## LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT

### School Board

Mr. Robert G. Chaffee	1956
Mr. Arthur E. Derby, Secretary	1955
Mr. Grant P. Balch, Chairman	1954

### Treasurer

Mildred M. Grant

### Superintendent

Howard F. Mason

### Teachers

January 1, 1954

Chesley I - VII	Mrs. Augusta H. Downs
Center V, VI, VII, VIII	Mrs. Charlotte Perkins
Center I, II, III, IV	Mrs. Margaret W. Young
Plain VII, VIII	Nelson V. Edoff
Plain V, VI	Elwyn Farnham
Plain III, IV	Mrs. Arlene B. Rich
Plain I, II	Mrs. Bertha L. Woodward
Music (All Schools)	Mrs. Jane MacGinnis

### School Nurse

Henrietta Higginbotham

### Graduating Class of 1953

Julia Mae Balch	Mary Jane Fields
Raymond J. Balch	Luvie Ann Fowler
Carol Ann Bartels	Dorothy Mae Hill
Judith L. Cole	Inez Kerene Hutchins
Nancy DeGoosh	Ethel M. Perkins
Deborah Dickinson	Bernard Lewis Shepard
Emily Drew	Donna Mae Trottier
Jonathan Thomas Waterbury	

**WARRANT**  
**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Grafton SS.**

**School District of Lyme**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Lyme  
qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Church Hall  
on the 9th day of March, 1954, at 1:30 P.M. to act upon  
the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing  
year.

Article 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose a member of the School Board  
for the ensuing three years.

Article 4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing  
year.

Article 5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors,  
Committees, or other officers heretofore chosen, and pass  
any vote relating thereto.

Article 6. To choose Agents, Auditors, Commit-  
tees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant  
and fix their salaries.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the district  
will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for  
the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for  
the payment of statutory obligations of said district, and  
to authorize the application against said appropriation of  
such sums as are estimated to be received from the state  
equalization fund together with other income; the school  
board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the  
estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance  
is to be raised by taxes by the town.



Article 8. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate \$200 to pay for the necessary expenses of clearing title to the Lyme Center school building; recommended by budget committee.

Article 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Lyme this eighteenth day of February, A.D., 1954.

GRANT P. BALCH  
ROBERT G. CHAFFEE  
ARTHUR E. DERBY  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GRANT P. BALCH  
ROBERT G. CHAFFEE  
ARTHUR E. DERBY  
School Board

## LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Administration

Salaries of District Officers	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Expenditures 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Committee's Budget 1954-55
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	274.00	\$ 271.00	\$ 274.00	\$ 274.00	\$ 274.00
Tax for Statewide Supervision	441.23	441.23	460.14	432.02	432.02
Salaries of other Admin. Personnel	426.00	426.00	440.00	394.00	394.00
Supplies and Expenses	271.97	301.58	411.08	394.40	394.40
	309.00	275.97	419.00	419.00	419.00

### Instruction

Elem. Teachers' & Principals' Salaries	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Expenditures 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Committee's Budget 1954-55
Books and Other Instructional Aids	17,525.00	17,550.08	18,900.00	20,350.00	20,350.00
Scholars' Supplies	650.00	444.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	600.00	575.77	650.00	650.00	650.00
	225.00	185.86	270.00	270.00	270.00

### Operation of School Plant

Salaries of Janitors	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Expenditures 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Committee's Budget 1954-55
Fuel or Heat	1,480.00	1,523.50	1,480.00	1,505.00	1,505.00
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	850.00	378.25	970.00	820.00	820.00
	399.00	486.91	460.00	590.00	590.00

### Maintenance of School Plant

Repairs and Replacements	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Expenditures 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Committee's Budget 1954-55
	1,370.00	1,453.00	770.00	750.00	750.00

	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Expenditures 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Committee's Budget 1954-55
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>					
Health Supervision	475.00	469.94	500.00	525.00	525.00
Transportation	4,500.00	4,802.00	5,490.00	5,310.00	5,310.00
Tuition	11,250.00	11,981.27	13,945.00	15,780.00	15,780.00
Special Activities and Special Funds	85.00	109.60	85.00	85.00	85.00
<b>Fixed Charges</b>					
Retirement	952.75	939.22	1,028.73	1,233.75	1,233.75
Insurance, Treasurer's Bond & Exp.	210.74	212.28	225.74	231.00	231.00
<b>Total Current Expenses</b>	<u>\$42,294.69</u>	<u>\$42,827.46</u>	<u>\$47,428.69</u>	<u>\$50,663.17</u>	<u>\$50,663.17</u>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
Lands and New Buildings				200.00	200.00
New Equipment	400.00	729.67	645.00	360.00	360.00
Payments into Capital Reserve Fund					
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>729.67</u>	<u>645.00</u>	<u>560.00</u>	<u>560.00</u>
<b>Budget Deficiency</b>			1,782.14		
<b>Total Expenditures or School Appropriation</b>	<u>\$42,694.69</u>	<u>\$43,557.13</u>	<u>\$49,855.83</u>	<u>\$51,223.17</u>	<u>\$51,223.17</u>

<b>Income</b>	<b>Adopted Budget 1952-53</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures 1952-53</b>	<b>Adopted Budget 1953-54 (15.17)</b>	<b>School Board's Budget 1954-55</b>	<b>Budget Committee's Budget 1954-55</b>
Balance (actual or estimated)	1,000.00	1,558.79	000.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
State Aid	6,838.96	5,056.82	11,269.45	10,256.77	10,256.77
Trust Funds	150.00	189.14	150.00	135.00	135.00
Other	20.00	78.23	20.00	20.00	20.00
<b>Total Receipts Other Than Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$8,008.96</b>	<b>\$6,882.98</b>	<b>\$11,439.45</b>	<b>\$12,111.77</b>	<b>\$12,111.77</b>
<b>Deficiency</b>		1,782.14			
<b>District Assessment Raised or to be Raised by Property Taxes</b>	34,685.73		38,416.38	39,111.40	39,111.40
<b>Total Appropriation Voted By School District</b>	<b>\$42,694.69</b>		<b>\$49,855.83</b>	<b>\$51,223.17</b>	<b>\$51,223.17</b>

## FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1952  
and Ending June 30, 1953

### Receipts

#### State Aid:

Foundation Aid	\$ 5,056.82
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#### Local Taxation:

Current Appropriation	34,685.73
Special Appropriations	1,782.14

#### Other Sources:

Trust Funds	137.45
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Total Net Receipts from All Sources	<u>\$41,662.14</u>
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Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1952	<u>1,856.74</u>
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Grand Total	\$43,518.88
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Explanation of Difference Between  
Net (Actual) Receipts and  
Gross Transactions

Total Net Income Plus Cash on Hand July 1, 1952	\$43,518.88
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Receipts from Refunds, Double Payments, "In and Out" Trans- actions Between Districts	<u>129.92</u>
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Total Gross Income	\$43,648.80
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### Payments

#### Administration

Salaries of District Officers	271.00
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Superintendent's Salary (local share)	441.23*
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Tax for State Wide Supervision	426.00
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Salaries of Other

Administrative Personnel	301.58
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Supplies and Expenses	<u>275.97</u>
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1,715.78

#### Instruction

Teachers' Salaries	17,550.08
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Books and Other Instructional Aids	444.00
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Scholars' Supplies	575.77
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Supplies and Other Expenses	<u>185.86</u>
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18,755.71



**Operation of School Plant**

Salaries of Janitors	1,523.50
Fuel and Heat	378.25
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	486.16

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2,387.91**Maintenance of School Plant**

Repairs and Replacements	1,453.00
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**Auxiliary Activities**

Health Supervision	469.94
Transportation	4,802.00
Tuition	11,903.79
Special Activities and Special Funds	57.91

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17,233.64**Fixed Charges**

Retirement	939.22
Insurance, Treas, Bonds and Expenses	212.28

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1,151.50**Capital Outlay**

New Equipment	729.67
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Total Net Payments for all Purposes \$43,427.21

Cash on Hand at end of Year June 30, 1953	91.67
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GRAND TOTAL \$43,518.88**Explanation of Difference Between Net  
(Actual) Expenditures and Gross  
Transactions**

Total Net Payments Plus Cash on Hand June 30, 1953	\$43,518.88
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Payments Refunded or Returned, Payments Made on Centralized Purchasing for Other Districts	129.92
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Total Gross Payments \$43,648.80

\* Hanover \$2,856.14, Enfield \$855.65, Orford \$466.98,  
State \$2,275.00

## Balance Sheet June 30, 1953

### Assets

Cash on Hand June 30, 1953	\$91.67
Total Assets	91.67
Grand Total	\$91.67

### Liabilities

Accounts Owed by District	
Zaner Bloser	56.20
Allyn and Bacon	20.30
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Total Liabilities	76.50
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	15.17
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GRAND TOTAL	\$91.67

## ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

Cash on Hand July 1, 1952		\$ 1,856.74
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	34,685.73	
Special Appropriations	1,782.14	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Funds	5,056.82	
Received from Trust Funds	189.14	
Received from Other Sources	78.23	
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Total Receipts		41,792.06
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$43,648.80
Less School Board Orders Paid		43,557.13
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1953		\$ 91.67
July 10, 1953		

MILDRED M. GRANT,

District Treasurer

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### AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Lyme of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 and find them correct in all respects.

HARRIS C. PUSHEE

J. ALBERT WOOD, Jr.

Auditors

July 13, 1953

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1952 - 1953

July 1, 1952	Balance				
Aug. 22	Town of Lyme	On Hand			\$ 1,856.74
Sept. 17	Town of Lyme	Appropriation			1,000.00
Oct. 15	Town of Lyme	Appropriation			2,500.00
Nov. 14	Town of Lyme	Appropriation			3,500.00
17	State of New Hampshire	Appropriation			3,000.00
20	Town of Lyme	Equalization			5,056.82
Jan. 14, 1953	Town of Lyme	Appropriation			5,500.00
28	Trustees of Trust Funds	Appropriation			3,000.00
Feb. 11	Carroll Washburn	Interest			189.14
17	Town of Lyme	Damage to School Property			.75
Mar. 18	Town of Lyme	Appropriation			2,000.00
Apr. 14	Town of Lyme	Appropriation			8,000.00
May 12	Town of Lyme	Appropriation			3,000.00
30	Orford School District	Refund on Tuition			77.48
June 9	Town of Lyme	Appropriation			1,967.87

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$43,648.80

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1952 - 1953

### ADMINISTRATION

#### I — Salaries of District Officers

Arthur E. Derby	\$ 50.00	
Carroll Washburn	60.00	
Grant Balch	55.00	
Harris Pushee	3.00	
Albert J. Wood	3.00	
Mildred Grant	100.00	
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		\$ 271.00

#### II — Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)

Mrs. Clarice Carr	441.23	
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		441.23

#### III — Tax for Statewide Supervision

Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire	426.00	
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		426.00

#### IV — Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel

Ruth Washburn	35.00	
Hanover School District	256.58	
Herbert Perkins	10.00	
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		301.58

#### V — Supplies and Expenses

Mildred Grant	9.17	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	84.64	
Howard Mason	11.70	
Hanover School District	44.18	
Edson C. Eastman Co.	9.62	
Mrs. Clarice Carr	116.66	
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		275.97
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TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		\$ 1,715.78



## INSTRUCTION

### VI — Teachers' Salaries

Dartmouth National Bank	2,114.30
Augusta Downs	1,913.50
Nelson Edoff	2,124.10
Estelle Emery	2,065.40
Elwyn Farnham	2,227.50
Mary Roberts	11.25
Charlotte Perkins	1,953.30
Arlene B. Rich	1,854.20
Bertha Woodward	1,788.40
New Hamp. — Vt.	
Hospitalization Service	126.00
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	1,024.58
Mrs. R. A. Miles	24.50
Mrs. Jack Schriever	7.00
Jane MacGinnis	208.55
Margaret Young	63.00
Mrs. Amos Hoyt	27.00
Ruth Washburn	17.50
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	17,550.08

### VII — Books and Other Instructional Aids

Follett Publishing Co.	196.55
Scott Foresman and Co.	60.67
Ginn and Co.	37.04
Houghton Mifflin Co.	11.23
World Book Co.	11.49
Allyn & Bacon	12.36
Iroquois Publishing Co.	10.64
Silver Burdett Co.	27.88
American Book Co.	31.74
Row Peterson Co.	44.40
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	444.00

### VIII — Scholars Supplies

Webster Publishing Co.	14.63
McCormick Mathers Publishing Co.	35.12
Mainco Trading Co.	54.31
Gledhill Bros. Inc.	23.97

Milton Bradley Co.	82.86
J. L. Hammett Co.	92.09
Henry Wolkins Co.	83.33
White River Paper Co.	85.63
Follett Publishing Co.	4.28
Ginn and Co.	12.71
Charlotte Perkins	1.75
Scott Foresman Co.	2.28
Augusta H. Downs	1.56
Zaner Bloser Co.	48.24
Houghton Mifflin Co.	7.51
Row Peterson Co.	25.50

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575.77

### **X — Supplies and Other Expenses**

Roger Burt	5.50
J. L. Hammett	7.84
Valley Forge Flag Co.	5.01
MacMillan Co.	2.61
Rand McNally Co.	16.37
Robert Chaffee	4.00
American Book Co.	13.26
World Book Co.	17.63
Follett Publishing Co.	3.09
Nelson V. Edoff	8.46
University of New Hampshire	62.00
Hanover High School	.80
Leonard S. Morrison	1.88
Denoyer Geppert Co.	34.41
Lyme Congregational Church	3.00

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185.86

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TOTAL INSTRUCTION \$18,755.71

## **OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT**

### **XI — Salaries of Janitors**

Earl Perkins	410.00
Anne Carter	370.00
Pearl Dimick	410.00

Frank Chesley	185.00	
Lloyd Nichols	2.50	
Martha Perkins	21.00	
Betty Pike	125.00	
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## **XII — Fuel or Heat**

Emerson Woodward	6.00	
Edd G. Webb	50.00	
Frank Chesley	7.00	
William Thompson	2.00	
Nichols Hardware	313.25	
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## **XIII — Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses**

Connecticut Valley Elec. Co.	233.32	
White River Paper Co.	149.15	
J. L. Hammett Co.	2.24	
Rochester Germicide	24.83	
Boston Janitors Supply Co.	29.26	
Nichols Hardware	17.84	
New Hampshire Elec. Coop.	24.00	
Rich Brothers	1.74	
Anne Carter	4.53	
	<hr/>	486.91

<b>TOTAL OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT</b>	<hr/>	<b>\$ 2,388.66</b>
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## **MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT**

### **XIV — Repairs and Replacements**

Roger Pushee	946.81
Nichols Hardware	28.44
J. L. Hammett Co.	5.02
Stanley Smith	1.60
Rich Brothers	3.48
Augusta Downs	13.95

Earl Woodward	25.00	
Walter Lamphere	15.00	
Chester Dodge	5.60	
G. H. Wilson	278.85	
Millard Uline	4.92	
Edd G. Webb	16.88	
Cascade Paper Co.	10.25	
Ward & Baird	76.70	
P. A. Carter	1.50	
F. Johnson Jr.	19.00	
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		1,453.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		<hr/>
		\$ 1,453.00

## AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

### XV — Health Supervision

Henrietta Higginbotham	345.60	
N. H. Retirement System	29.40	
R. S. Sawyer Co.	3.30	
Putnam's Drug Store	16.64	
William Putnam	75.00	
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		469.94

### XVI — Transportation

Wendell Dennis	2,704.00	
George Burgess	907.00	
Vivian Piper	1,136.50	
Earl Hart	54.50	
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		4,802.00

### XVII — Tuition

Thetford Academy	1,600.08	
Hanover School District	4,789.07	
Orford School District	5,400.00	
State Board of Education	192.12	
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		11,981.27

### **XVIII — Special Activities and Special Funds**

Nichols Hardware	2.85	
Dartmouth Coop. Society, Inc.	22.96	
James Campion	23.10	
Nelson Edoff	2.00	
Wendell Dennis	7.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	51.69	
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		109.60
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TOTAL AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES		\$17,362.81

### **FIXED CHARGES**

#### **XIX — Retirement**

N. H. Teachers Retirement System	899.88	
State of New Hampshire	29.34	
Employees Retirement System	10.00	
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		939.22
<b>XX — Insurance, Treasurer's Bond and Expenses</b>		
Ralph W. Balch	207.28	
N. H. School Boards Association	5.00	
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		212.28
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TOTAL FIXED CHARGES		\$ 1,151.50

### **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

#### **XXIII — New Equipment**

D. M. Pond & Son	13.45	
J. L. Hammett Co.	5.41	
A. L. Woodward & Son	337.56	
G. H. Wilson	45.91	
Trumbull Nelson Co.	6.44	
Office Supply Center	215.70	
Hanover School District	6.00	
Cascade Paper Co.	99.20	
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TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		729.67
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$43,557.13



## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

To the School Board and Citizens of Lyme :

I hereby submit my sixth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

Year in and year out one of the greatest concerns of the citizens of any of our New Hampshire towns is the school system. And this is rightly so. Parents of children are concerned because they want to be sure that their children receive the best education possible within the limits of the town's ability to pay. The taxpayers are concerned about the rising cost of schools (as is true of the cost of nearly everything else) as this is reflected in increased tax bills. Pupils are concerned because they want to enjoy school and get out of it the things they will need for future living. It, therefore, becomes the complex job of the Lyme School Board to combine all these various concerns and produce the best possible schools within the confines of a limited and reasonable budget. The town of Lyme is fortunate in having a School Board that is truly interested in the affairs of its schools and at the same time is conscious of the heavy drain being placed on the homeowner and taxpayer. It has been a real pleasure to work with your School Board when they display such enthusiasm for their task and such an understanding of the problems involved.

### **Personnel**

For many years, in fact ever since the end of World War II, you have been hearing about the problems involved in public education such as an overcrowding in the schools, a lack of adequate funds, old, poor, buildings which are too small, a diminishing supply of teachers and many others. These are all real problems some of which are more pressing in certain localities than in others. However, the problem of teacher supply affects every area. As everyone knows, throughout the nation, we have had a great upsurge of enrollment in the elementary grades. This increase will continue for years to come as more children were born in the United States in 1952 and 1953 than any previous years in history. At the same time we have had the increase in enrollment we have had the supply of teachers remain about constant. Thus the old

law of supply and demand begins to function. If any area wishes to have good teachers it must raise the salaries in order to be in a bargaining position for those few teachers who are available at any given time.

For the past few years Lyme has been very fortunate in its supply of teachers many of them live in or near Lyme and have no great desire to teach elsewhere (although several of them could easily obtain outside positions if they cared to do so). A year ago we lost no teachers and last spring only one who had reached the retirement age. We were all pleased that Margaret Young, an experienced and capable teacher, was willing to return to teaching and fill this vacancy.

Mrs. Estelle Nall Emery retired from teaching last June after having taught five years in the Lyme Center School. She had a long and varied career in teaching high school, Normal School, art, rural schools, remedial work and Grade Schools. She really liked teaching and had a sincere interest in each and every pupil. She was loved by her pupils who wish her many long and happy years of retirement.

Your teachers are interested in children and anxious to keep up with the latest improvements in teaching methods. They do this in a number of different ways such as teachers meetings, attending conferences and conventions, summer school and extension courses, reading of professional literature and participating in the work of Nesdec. Lyme is now a full fledged member of the New England School Development Council which is an organization of New England School systems devoted to the improvement of education. Besides having available the research studies of this organization, such as a study of current teachers' salaries in New England, they also participate in the activities of the organizations sub-center at Dartmouth. These activities currently are a consideration of some of the current research on elementary reading and a consideration of better uses to be made of the college museum.

### **General**

The state director of civilian defense requested that all schools hold regular air raid drills. Your School Board and I felt this would be too much strain on both pupils

and parents. However, in cooperation with the town civilian director, plans are being developed which will be explained to the teachers but will not be put into operation until an emergency develops.

The Zaner-Bloser handwriting system is now being used in all eight grades. This serves to provide a continuity and uniformity to the handwriting which is being taught and we already have seen a general improvement in school handwriting. This improvement should be greater in years to come as the total effects begin to accumulate.

As usual a large number of repairs were necessary this year. Many of these were relatively small items but in total they reflect the spending of a sizeable sum of money. There are always more things to be done than we have funds for. The heat at the Plain School is still unsatisfactory and will probably remain so as long as the present heating system is used. It is always difficult to heat school rooms properly and the problem is quite different from that of heating an ordinary home. There are tremendous fluctuations in heat requirements in a school building. Doors are constantly being opened and closed. The heat from 25 or 30 bodies affects the room temperature. A change in outside temperature is evident quite quickly in the school room. These temperature changes probably are responsible for some of the many colds the children have.

The World accident insurance is now available to all Lyme school children. This is now offered to a majority of the school systems in New Hampshire. Under this policy the child is covered for any accident occurring during school hours, going to or from school or while playing in school sponsored athletics.

As usual your P.T.A. has continued to give wholehearted and enthusiastic cooperation to the school program. Such interest as this group displays in the welfare of young people is truly appreciated.

Arthur E. Derby received a special citation at the New Hampshire School Board Conference this fall for being one of the few School Board members in the state who had served his community continuously for over 25 years.

The School Board has been attempting for some years to find organizations or individuals in town that were willing to give special prizes at graduation. These prizes could be offered for a number of things such as the pupil (1) receiving the highest average (2) showing the most improvement (3) who was the best school citizen (4) who was the best all around pupil and (5) others. Anyone interested in offering such prizes should contact the School Board.

In conclusion I would like to thank all those parents, teachers, custodians, members of the P.T.A., the School Board, pupils and others who have helped to produce good schools for Lyme.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD F. MASON,

Superintendent of Schools

## ENROLLMENT IN THE LYME SCHOOLS AS OF JANUARY 1954

School	Teacher	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Plain	Woodward	18	16							34
	Rich			14	15					29
	Farnham					9	17			26
	Edoff							9	12	21
Center	Young	9	4	3	5					21
	Perkins					6	8	5	3	22
Chesley	Downs	5	3	2	2	1	3	1		17

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## ENROLLMENT BY YEARS AS OF JANUARY

	Plain	Center	Chesley	Total
1954	110	43	17	170
1953	101	40	12	153
1952	102	35	5	142
1951	95	39	20	154
1950	97	35	21	153
1949	98	33	18	149
1948	120	19	14	153

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## LYME SCHOOL CALENDAR 1954 - 55

Schools open	Wednesday, September 8
Teachers' Convention	Thursday and Friday, October 14 - 15
Thanksgiving Vacation	Schools close Wednesday, November 24 (12:15)
	Schools open Monday, November 29
Christmas Vacation	Schools close Friday, December 17
	Schools open Monday, January 3
Winter Vacation	Schools close Friday, February 18
	Schools open Monday, February 28
Spring Vacation	Schools close Friday, April 22
	Schools open Monday, May 2
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30
Schools close	Friday, June 17



# Marriages Registered in the Town of Lyme for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Age Color Occupation	Place of Birth	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	No. of Marriage Condition By Whom Married
Mar. 14	Lyme	Kenneth V. Hoag Frances M. Delmolino	Pittsfield, Mass. Pittsfield, Mass.	31 W Stock Clerk 21 W Inspector	Massachusetts Massachusetts	Raymond Hoag Laura Chase Armand Beliveau Evelyn Fountain	Mass. Mass. Mass.	1 S Rev. Edwards Dickinson 2 D Lyme
Apr. 25	Lyme	Harry E. Avery Myrtle P. Wilcott	Lyme Lyme	62 W Watchmaker 62 W Housewife	Canaan Lyme	Frederick F. Avery Lizzie M. Warner Carlos Cummings Electa A. Buhns	Rhode Island Orford Orford, Vt. Windsor, Vt.	5 D Rev. J. Holland Maughan 2 W Orford, N. H.
Apr. 12	S. Strafford, Vermont	Roderick J. Maclay Janet J. Bacon	Strafford, Vt. Lyme	19 W Dairy Farming 20 W Clerk	Bennington, Vt. Lyme	Joseph T. Maclay Jessie E. Sumner George W. Bacon Mina H. Hill	Orford, Vt. Orford, Vt. Orford, Vt. Quebec, Mass.	1 S Rev. I. Hsin Liu, South Strafford, Vt. 1 S
May 10	Lyme	George F. Vaughan Jr. Daisy E. Thompson	Thetford, Vt. Lyme	21 W U. S. Navy 28 W Hairdresser	Norwich, Vt. Lyme	Geo. F. Vaughan, Sr. Beatrice H. Emerson William H. Thompson Della Bryant	Quebec, Mass. Vermont Quebec Lyme	1 S Rev. J. Holland Maughan Orford, N. H. 1 S
May 14	Lyme	William C. Piper Beverly M. Balch	Lyme Lyme	21 W Laborer 19 W At Home	Lyme Piermont	William Piper Dorothy Henry Mason Balch	Illinois N. H. N. H.	1 S Rev. Edwards Dickinson Lyme
May 23	Lyme	Chester F. Dix Dora A. Balch	Hanover Lyme	26 W Printer 22 W Sales Clerk	Brattleboro, Vt. Haverhill	Bertha Hart Justin H. Dix Myrtle Briggs Roy E. Balch	N. H. Vermont Vermont Vermont	1 S Rev. Leon Morse, Lyme
June 1	Lyme	Samuel D. Smith Emma A. Johnson	Springfield, Mass. Brookfield, Vt.	71 W Steam Engineer 51 W At Home	Vermont Quebec	Olive Blanchard Adolphus Smith Harriet Magoon Thomas E. Cousineau	N. H. Vermont Vermont Ontario	2 D Rev. Edwards Dickinson Lyme
June 21	Lyme	Martin W. Rose Arlene D. Thompson	Thetford, Vt. Lyme	20 W Mill Worker 17 W Student	Oxbo, N. Y. Lyme	Christie Masstean Benjamin Rose Grace Pickens William H. Thompson	New York Vermont Canada Canada	1 S Rev. J. Holland Maughan Orford
Sept. 5	Lyme	Gerald Gray Sylvia Streeter	Lyme Hanover	25 W Truck Driver 18 W Clerk	Lyme Vermont	Della Bryant Harlie Gray Hattie Pike Charles Streeter Sybil Potter	N. H. Lyme Lyme N. H. N. H.	1 S Rev. Leon Morse, Lyme 1 S

Oct. 17	Lyme	Eli Robert Stearns	Thetford, Vt.	18 W	Lumbering	Etna	Fred O. Stearns Doris L. Hazelton Kenneth LaDeau Arlene Trussell Oliver Hill Viola ---- Joseph O'Keefe Thelma Olyer Walter E. Evans Georgiana M. Bordeau Leo A. Wilmot Fannie M. Chapin George Ricker Mabel Shearer David Pushee Florence DeGoosh	Meriden Bristol Hartford, Vt. Fairlee, Vt. N. H. Unknown N. H. N. H. Canaan Concord Lyme S Boston Mass N. H. Vermont Lyme N. H.	1 S Rev. Edwards Dickinson Lyme 1 S 1 S Rev. Leon Morse Lyme 1 S 3 D Urban E. Waterman, J. of P. Norwich, Vt. 1 S 1 S Rev. Edwards Dickinson Lyme 1 S
Oct. 20	Lyme	Ramona H. LaDeau Oscar B. Hill Eleanor D. O'Keefe	Thetford, Vt. West Fairlee, Vt. Lyme	16 W 46 W 21 W	Student Laborer Housewife	Fairlee, Vt. N. H. N. H.			
May 18	Weather- field, Vt.	Robert W. Evans Marjorie E. Wilmot	Weather- field, Vt. Lyme	27 W 26 W	Machinist Shop elp	Enfield Lyme			
Oct. 25	Lyme	John W. Ricker Jean Pushee	Vershire, Vt. Lyme	21 W 19 W	Farmer At Home	Vershire, Vt. Lyme			

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my belief and knowledge.

PEARL M. DIMICK, Town Clerk

# Births Registered in the Town of Lyme for the year ending December 31, 1953

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (If any)	Male	Female	Living, Still	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
Aug. 31, 1887	Lyme	Della Sophronia	X			Dennis Hanchett	Elizabeth C. Read	W Lyme	Farmer	Hartland, Vt.	Plainfield	32 23	
Jan. 20, '53	Hanover	Peggy Anne	X			Charles A. Hewes	Louise A. Cutting	W Lyme	Farmer	Hanover	Hancock, Mass.	19 16	
Jan. 29	Hanover	Donna Carol	X			Willis LaBombard Jr.	Ruth C. Braman	W Lyme	Student	Lebanon	Marlboro, Mass.	19 16	
Feb. 19	Lebanon	Sandra Lee	X			Walter H. Johnson	Mary E. Lewis	W Lyme	Truck Driver	Thetford, Vt.	Deerfield	42 39	
Feb. 21	Hanover	Bonnie Lee	X			Weymouth H. Pike	Helen Marsh	W Lyme	Truck Driver	Lyme	Wentworth	25 20	
Feb. 23	Hanover	Jean Marie	X			Dean S. Pushee	Vera A. Movelle	W Lyme	Lumberman	Fairlee, Vt.	Lyme	31 32	
Mar. 1	Hanover	Steven Roy	X			Thomas E. Jenks	Doris H. Balch	W Lyme	U. S. Air Force	Woodsville	Lyme	22 19	
May 5	Lebanon	Terry Martin	X			Ernest W. Wheeler	Hazel Campbell	W Lyme	Coach Cleaner	Barnard, Vt.	Pomfret, Vt.	27 29	
May 9	Hanover	Wayne Alan	X			Harris C. Pushee	Louise A. Miles	W Lyme	Bank Teller	Hanover	Hartford, Conn.	34 31	
May 13	Hanover	Sally Ann	X			Donald E. Pushee	Mabel O'Donnell	W Lyme	Carpenter	Lyme	Vershire, Vt.	26 24	
May 24	Lyme	Carol Ann	X			Roscoe F. Carter	Ruth E. Godfrey	W Lyme	P'w'r Sh'v'l Op	Hanover	Bradford, Vt.	29 27	
June 10	Lebanon	Roxanne Julia	X			James N. Balch	Ann DeGoosh	W Lyme	Delivery Man	Norwich, Vt.	Hanover	29 28	
July 3	Hanover	Kendra Joy	X			Fred Stearns Jr.	Elizabeth Hardtke	W Lyme	Truck Driver	Lebanon	E Pepperell, Mass.	24 22	
July 9	Hanover	Ruth Ann	X			Horace E. Pike	Edna Hutchins	W Lyme	Lumberman	Lyme	Corinth, Vt.	29 27	
July 10	Hanover	Hugh Blanchard III	X			Frederic King	Maxine Heath	W Lyme	Carpenter	Vershire, Vt.	Littleton	32 26	
Aug. 9	Lebanon	Michael Steven	X			Edward C. Piper	Joan Pushee	W Lyme	Carpenter	Hanover	Stratford, Vt.	31 33	
Aug. 26	Hanover	Coleen Beth	X			William C. Piper	Edith Record	W Lyme	Truck Driver	Lyme	Piermont	22 20	
Aug. 27	Lebanon	Michael Steven	X			Morton Bailey	Beverly Balch	W Lyme	Laborer	Lyme	St. Louis, Mo.	34 24	
Aug. 31	Hanover	Pamela Jane	X			John Piper	Fedorka Kurlmeyer	W Lyme	Carpenter	Lyme	W. Fairlee, Vt.	42 41	
Sept. 7	Lebanon	Patricia Lee	X			Edward Olsen	Myrtle Russ	W Lyme	Farmer	Lyme	Manchester	30 26	
Sept. 15	Hanover	Deborah Jean	X			Wendell Dennis	Myrtle Gibson	W Lyme	Farmer	Stratford, Vt.	Newbury, Vt.	33 24	
Nov. 4	Lyme	Douglas Edward	X			William Movelle	Esther Gray	W Lyme	Carpenter	Lyme	Lyme	31 29	
Nov. 6	Lebanon	Steven Wendell	X			Elmer Fulton	Effie Thompson	W Lyme	H. S. Principal	N. H.	Lebanon	41 32	
Nov. 11	Hanover	Mildred May	X			Albert Pushee	Minnie Small	W Lyme	Bookkeeper	N. H.	N. H.	26 22	
Dec. 3	Hanover	Thomas Bryant	X			Charles Clark	Mildred Underhill	W Lyme	Farmer	Thetford, Vt.	Canaan	45 39	
Dec. 11	Lebanon	Arnold George	X										
Dec. 27	Lebanon	Vera Ellen	X										

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PEARL M. DIMICK, Town Clerk



# Deaths Registered in the Town of Lyme for the year ending December 31, 1953

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Male Female	Color Single, Married, Widowed	Occupation	Father	Mother
Jan. 31	Concord	Louise M. Weymouth	64	Grafton	X	W	Housekeeper	George Weymouth	Mary Morgan
Feb. 2	Lohanon	Albert M. LaMott	81	Dorchester	X	W	Lumberman	James LaMott	Catherine McBain
Feb. 5	Lyme	Melvin E. DeWitt	90	New Brunswick	X	W	Laborer	Daniel DeWitt	Emma Webb
Mar. 25	Lyme	Maurice Hobbs	42	Lyme	X	W	Clerk	Hervey Hobbs	Jessie Waterman
Apr. 3	Hanover	Joseph A. Thompson	62	Quebec	X	M	Fireman	Joseph Thompson	Annie D.
May 8	Hanover	Gertrude Martin	73	Williamstown, Vt.	X	S	Housewife	Gurdon Martin	Sarah Ella Burnham
May 23	Lyme	Abbie L. Dickinson	90	Hopkinton, Mass.	X	W	Farmer	Levi Haven	Mary Avis Moore
May 27	Lyme	Arthur E. Sanborn	75	Lyme	X	W	---	Henry Dyke	Sarah Tucker
June 2	Haverhill	Matthie Lamphere	83	No. Littleton	X	W	Gen. Handyman	Frederick Sanborn	Mercy Merrill
July 16	Haverhill	Elmer Tenney	78	Orford	X	W	None	Daniel Blood	Lucy Cobb
July 20	Haverhill	Myra Tenney	84	Lyme	X	W	Housewife	Nathan Hewes	Bernice Homan
Sept. 23	Lyme	Marion E. Jenks	41	Lyme	X	M	None	Fred Hanchett	Minnie Morris
Oct. 15	Hanover	Emmerette Pushee	55	Fairlee, Vt.	X	D	None	Charles S. Rogers	Ina Bryant
Dec. 16	Hanover	Anna D. Eaton	49	Irassburg, Vt.	X	S	Storekeeper	Luke Eaton	

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